

Meeting Minutes Agricultural Commission
Weare New Hampshire
February 5, 2009

Final Version

Present: Mr. Luke Drake , Chair; Mr. George Malette , Vice Chair; and Mr. Paul Gannon, Secretary. Absent: Paul Bessey, Robert Pare , David Trumble and Ian Mc Sweeney

The session began with the appointment of officers. The only three members attending were appointed to the three primary offices. They are as follows:

Mr. Luke Drake ***Chairman***
Mr. George Malette ***Vice Chairman***
Mr. Paul Gannon ***Secretary***

The commission then focused on the preliminary work of establishing broad goals and primary focus of the body. Consideration was given to the adaptation of goals established by the Weare Agricultural Committee however, no firm decision was made.

The discussion shifted to the identification and action item assignment for short term goals for the commission to consider. The commission deemed it important to begin work on the classification of soils significant to agriculture in Weare. Jointly with that effort, it was deemed appropriate to attempt the identification and listing of all properties in Weare that are currently utilized for some sort of agricultural activity. The commission also agreed to attempt to recruit individuals interested in participation to help create the above mentioned list.

The commission decided it was important to approach town administrative staff to aid in the classification of soils and identification of currently agriculturally utilized properties in Weare. The commission agreed that public notices should be posted in the town and on the town's web site declaring the active status of the commission, solicitation for participation and the establishment of communication between concerned citizens and the commission. To increase outreach and public awareness, the commission also agreed to approach the elementary school in a collaborative effort to establish a school garden project.

Paul V. Gannon
Secretary
Weare Agricultural Commission